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SUBJECT: SWEDISH VIEWS ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES

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1. HENRI WINBERGZ, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AVIATION OF SWEDEN, LEFT WITH EMBASSY COUNSELOR EN AIDE MEMOIRE ON JANUARY 27 WHICH EXPRESSES CONCERN WITH NORTH ATLANTIC RATE FARE SITUATION. IT STATES THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A TARIFF STRUCTURE WHICH REFLECTS ECONOMIC UNCLASSIFIED

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REALITIES IS AN URGENT PRIORITY. THE AIDE MEMOIRE CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE TALKS ON THE TARIFFS TO BE APPLIED FROM APRIL 1 AND A "JOINT LONG-TERM STUDY" AS WELL. THE FULL TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: JANUARY 24, 1977 AIDE MEMOIRE.  
SWEDEN AND OTHER ECAC MEMBER STATES REMAIN CONCERNED

AT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF AIRLINES OPERATING ON THE NORTH ATLANTIC. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTY OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON A GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TARIFF STRUCTURE--INCLUDING APPROPRIATE AGENCY COMMISSION RATES--WE SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A TARIFF STRUCTURE THAT REFLECTS ECONOMIC REALITIES AS AN URGENT PRIORITY.

3. THEREFORE, WE HAVE WELCOMED THE NEW IATA AGREEMENT, THOUGH LIMITED, ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES APPLICABLE FROM 1 APRIL 1977. WE CONSIDER THAT THE AGREEMENT IS THE BEST COMPROMISE THAT IS LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND ARE PREPARED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO APPROVE IT AND TO SUPPORT CONTINUING EFFORTS BY IATA TO REACH AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

4. WITH REFERENCE TO THE CAB ORDER OF 4 JANUARY 1977 (DOCKET 29123) PRONOUNCING ON THE NEW IATA AGREEMENT, WE WISH TO EXPRESS SATISFACTION THAT THE CAB INTENDS TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER WITH SOME EXPEDITION SINCE IT REQUIRES ALL REPLIES TO ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS BY 14 FEBRUARY 1977. THIS SHOULD PERMIT REASONABLE TIME FOR REACTION BY AIRLINES AND GOVERNMENTS BEFORE THE AGREEMENT IS DUE TO COME INTO FORCE.

5. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT THE CAB HAS CALLED INTO QUESTIONS SO MANY ELEMENTS OF THE NEW FARES PACKAGE AND WE FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AGREEMENT NOT BEING ALLOWED TO COME INTO FORCE. WE BELIEVE THERE UNCLASSIFIED

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IS A VERY REAL DANGER OF DISRUPTION FOR ALL THE AIRLINES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

6. WE ARE OPEN TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A BETTER AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TARIFF STRUCTURE IN FUTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A JOINT LONG-TERM STUDY OF THE MATTER TO BE INITIATED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BY TERMS OF EXPERTS FROM BOTH PARTIES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, WE WISH TO HAVE IMMEDIATE TALKS ON THE TARIFFS TO BE APPLIED AS FROM 1 APRIL 1977. END TEXT.  
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